

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1049 without my signature.

While I appreciate the author's intent, this bill is unnecessary, as the recently established Juvenile Justice Community Reentry Challenge Grant Program will serve many of the same functions as proposed by this bill, and is currently being implemented. It is necessary to allow this program to proceed and gauge its effectiveness, and then determine whether it is successful enough to expand, before creating a new separate but similar program.

In addition, while this bill specifies that the pilot program shall be created only to the extent that funds are appropriated for that purpose, it provides no funding for the actual administrative costs that will be necessary for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to implement the program.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger